

House Bill 145

By: Representatives Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup> and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, so as to prohibit certain promotions or advertisements; to prohibit certain campaign activities; to provide for criminal penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, is amended by adding a new Code section at the end thereof, to be designated Code Section 45-11-11, to read as follows:

"45-11-11.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any public officer elected state wide or candidate for such office to use any public employee in the production of any audio or visual broadcast or printed publication serving as a public service or awareness announcement or which seeks to warn or educate the public when such broadcast or publication has been produced in whole or in part with any public funds.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any public officer elected state wide or candidate for such office to appear in any audio or video broadcast or printed publication serving as a public service or awareness announcement or which seeks to warn or educate the public when such broadcast or publication has been produced in whole or in part with any public funds.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any public officer or employee to appear in any campaign advertisement in such officer's or employee's public uniform or to use the emblems, nomenclature, symbols, or equipment of the office of such public officer or employee in such campaign advertisement.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00."

- 1 **SECTION 2.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.